

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, SOPN, GR

SUBJECT: PRESS QUERY ON WELCH INVESTIGATION

1. FOLLOWING QUESTION CONCERNING INVESTIGATION OF WELCH  
KILLING WAS TAKEN BY PRESS SPOKESMAN DURING DEC 27 NOON  
BRIEFING:

Q: COULD YOU FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE INVESTI-  
GATION OF THE MURDER OF RICHARD WELCH, WHICH OCCURRED IN  
ATHENS TWO YEARS AGO?

A: THE GREEK GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO INVESTIGATE THE  
KILLING OF RICHARD WELCH BUT TO DATE NO SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN  
APPREHENDED. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS FOLLOWING  
THIS MATTER CLOSELY AND HAS BEEN KEPT FULLY INFORMED BY  
THE GREEK GOVERNMENT THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE INVE-  
STIGATION.

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2. RESPONSE WAS POSTED AFTERNOON DECEMBER 28 WHEN SUBJECT  
DID NOT ARISE AT BRIEFING EARLIER SAME DAY. VANCE

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## Message Attributes

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